Adopt-A-Trail Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources offers Volunteer Groups opportunities to assist in the maintenance and enhancement of trails located on State-owned land through the Adopt-A-Trail program as established by Ill. Admin. Code title 17, § 110 (2019).

This program promotes public involvement in and increased public appreciation of the many trails throughout the State of Illinois and can include a variety of projects such as: spring cleanups, accessibility projects, trail maintenance, enhancement or realignment, public information or assistance or educating volunteers regarding the program.

Who Can Adopt A Trail

Groups of at least six adults or youth groups with one adult per six minors who want to who desire to take an active role in conservation and enrichment of their local trails.

How to Adopt A Trail

Complete and submit an Adopt-A-Trail Program Project Agreement the Site Superintendent of the location that your group wishes to volunteer at. If needed Site Superintendent contact information can be found by calling IDNR, Office of Land Management at 217/782-6752 or sending an email to dnr.parksadmin@illinois.gov.